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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IRAQI HEALTH MINISTER

1. IRAQI MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DR. IZZAT MUSTAPHA PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS, JULY 25-28. DURING COURSE OF VISIT, HE MET PRIME MINISTER MESSMER, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PONIATOWSKI. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL BRIEFING GIVEN TO AFP, DR. MUSTAPHA'S VISIT CONCERNED WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS IN ALL AREAS, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC HEALTH. ACCORDING TO SAME GOVERNMENT SOURCE FRANCO-IRAQI EXCHANGES HAVE CONSIDERABLY INTENSIFIED IN RECENT YEARS. THERE WERE MANY PERSPECTIVES FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC GROWTH WHICH COULD RESULT FROM DEVELOPMENT OF IRAQ'S IMMENSE PETROLEUM RESOURCES. IN THIS REGARD, SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GOF WAS PLEASED WITH COOPERATION WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AS RESULT OF PETROLEUM AGREEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE 18, 1972, SIGNED DURING VISIT TO PARIS OF VICE PRSIDENT

SADDAM HUSSEIN.

2. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ROUILLON CONFIRMED THAT BASIC THRUST OF VISIT WAS BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DR. MUSTAPHA WAS PERHAPS SOMEWHAT LESS SANGUINE ABOUT GROWTH OF FRANCO-IRAQI ECONOMIC TIES THAN AFP REPORT AND HAD SPECIFICALLY TOLD FRENCH THAT AS A RESULT OF DOLLAR DEVALUATIONS, AMERICAN GOODS WERE NOW EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE ON IRAQI MARKET.

3. ROUILLON TOOK OCCASION OF EMBOFF'S CALL TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION AT BRIEFINGS WHICH FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD RECEIVED FROM DEPT OFF'S ON IRAQI SITUATION AND PARTICULAR RECOGNITION THAT FRENCH AND AMERICAN INTERESTS WERE NOT WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES. ROUILLON SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THERE WOULD BE GROWING COMMERCIAL COMPETITION BETWEEN US AND FRANCE IN IRAQ AND OTHER PERSIAN GULF STATES, BUT ASSURED EMBOFF HE INTENDED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT THIS DID NOT UNDERCUT BASIC SIMILARITY OF POLITICAL INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN AREA.

DECONTROL 12/31/74.

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